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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the reference cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

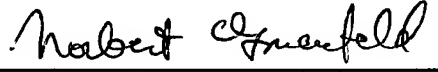
U.S. Patent No. 5,958,978 issued September 28, 1999 is the U.S. counterpart of EP application No. 865,788, of record in the instant application. Both originate from the same PCT application published as WO 97/09977.

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The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that this reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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